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Dear Sir.

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, in the above-identified application. This response is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and is believed to be timely submitted in view of the accompanying petition for a two-month extension. It is believed that no additional fees are due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.